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**LETTER TO EXAMINER**

Sir:

This letter is in response to a notice of allowance dated June 7, 2005. Although applicants are interested in having the patent issue, applicants want to make sure that the Examiner will consider the art in a supplementary IDS that will be filed in the next few days, which was brought to the attention of the applicants in other patent applications assigned to the assignee of the present application. In addition, applicants are still awaiting issuance of a corrected filing receipt in response to a Request for Corrected Filing Receipt filed on December 22, 2004. Therefore, applicants are filing a request for continued examination (RCE) and will file a supplementary IDS in due course.

In response to the Examiner's amendment, applicants state that the agreement to the amendment was in order to achieve quick allowance of the application. Specifically, the cancellation of claims, including independent claims 1 and 4 was due to the Examiner's remark that there were too many independent claims and not due to their patentability over the art. During the telephone conference between the Examiner and applicants' representative, Yaakov Schatz, no new rejections or art were presented or discussed.

The amendments to specific claims, particularly claims 2 and 8, were agreed to by the applicants as they are merely a matter of clarity and/or style and do not substantially change the

scopes of the claims. Particularly, the additional processing clause in claim 2 was implicit in the old version of the claim in that the transmitting of the second acoustic signal is in response to the first acoustic signal. At most, the amendment excludes operation as a transponder, which was not intended to be encompassed by the claim.

Allowance of the application over the newly cited art is respectfully awaited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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